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Increase in Number of Drunk Pilots
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the number of drunk pilots, having higher than permissible limit of alcohol in their bloodstream and grounded during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, regions/ year-wise;

(c) whether such pilots have been suspended for the first offence and for two years for the second offence, as per the rules;

(d) if so, the number of such pilots suspended during the above period, yearwise;

(e) whether any awareness campaign have been launched sensitizing the pilots about air safety and alcohol drinking; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the other measures proposed by the Government to tackle this problem?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) As per the data available, 122 Pilots have tested alcohol positive during pre-flight medical examination for consumption of alcohol during the last three years and current year. The year-wise details are as follows:

Year No of Pilots
2013 30
2014 26
2015 43
2016(30.06.2016) 23
The Airport-wise details are attached as Appendix-1.

(c) On or before 06th June 2014, as per the provisions of CAR Section 5 Series F Part-III such pilots were suspended for three months for the first violation and for five years for the second violation. After 06th June, 2014, such pilots are suspended for three months for the first violation and for three years for the second violation.

(d) The year- wise details of the pilots suspended for first violation and second violation during the above period are attached as Appendix-2

(e) & (f) As part of recurrent trainings,concerned Airlines educate their pilots regarding air safety regulations and alcohol abuse.